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1. ACCORDING TO COUNCIL AND PERMREP SOURCES, FOLLOWING IS  
THE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 2 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL:

(A) FOOTWEAR:  
LARGELY AT IRISH INSISTENCE, THE EC COMMISSION IS TO  
PROPOSE POSSIBLE MEANS FOR COPING WITH THE PROBLEM OF  
FOOTWEAR IMPORTS INTO THE EC. OUR SOURCES SAY THAT THE  
GERMANS MAY USE THIS DISCUSSION AS A PRETEXT FOR LECTURING  
THEIR COLLEAGUES ON WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS RECENT PRO-  
TECTIONIST TENDENCIES BY THE EC IN CERTAIN SECTORS (STEEL  
AND TEXTILES), EMPHASIZING, AT THE SAME TIME, BONN'S VIEW  
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OF THE NEED FOR INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING.

(B) EC ENLARGEMENT:  
THE COUNCIL IS TO TAKE ITS FIRST FORMAL LOOK AT THE  
COMMISSION'S "FRESCO" ON COMMUNITY ENLARGEMENT (REF A).  
DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON TOPICS WHICH SHOULD BE  
ADDRESSED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING THEIR MAY 20-21

RETREAT.

(C) PREPARATIONS FOR BREMEN EUROPEAN COUNCIL:

AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNCIL, THE DANISH PRESIDENCY IS TO SUBMIT A CHECKLIST OF ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN, AND ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THE VARIOUS SPECIALIZED EC COUNCILS, IN PREPARATION FOR THE JULY 6-7 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN BREMEN.

(D) MTN:

THE COMMISSION IS TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE MTN. HAFERKAMP MAY REPORT, IN THIS CONTEXT, ON OBJECTIVES FOR HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

(E) STEEL:

THE COMMISSION IS TO REPORT ON PROGRESS IN STEEL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRY SUPPLIERS. THE COMMISSION IS ALSO EXPECTED TO PRESENT ITS IDEAS ON STEEL CAPACITY GUIDELINES THROUGH 1985.

(F) COMPANY LAW:

THE COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED DIRECTIVE ON HARMONIZATION OF COMPANY LAW (REF B). NO ACTION IS EXPECTED.

(G) RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA:

ACCORDING TO A BELGIAN PERMREP SOURCE, THE MINISTERS MAY, CONFIDENTIAL

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IN RESTRICTED SESSION, DISCUSS THE CURRENT STRAIN BETWEEN THE EC AND AUSTRALIA (REF C). HINTON

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